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Dear Customer

### **Herbicide Treatment in Waranga Western Channel**

Following the commencement of the irrigation season back on 15 August 2020, sections of channel in the Waranga Western Channel, Loddon valley Irrigation Area, have suffered from an increase in weed infestation. This weed has created serious issues for some customers, and for Goulburn Murray Water (GMW) ensuring reliable and appropriate level of service.

To address this issue in time for the autumn peak water use period, GMW will be treating sections of the affected channel with herbicide treatment to greatly remove the weed causing the problems. GMW has used this herbicide for the past 40 years. The herbicide is injected directly into flowing water, causing the plants to die and disintegrate. Improved water flow rates will be the result in just a few days after the treatment.

This treatment will be completed between 9am to 5pm Friday 26 February 2021. This is pending favourable weather conditions and we will be in touch if there are any changes to this date.

Water for irrigation during this time will be safe and available for use, however there will be a non-water use period of 72 hours for stock and domestic purposes. This means water during this 72 hour period is not recommended for consumption by livestock. Non water use period ends at 9am Monday 1 March 2021.

To ensure you are prepared for this short term period, GMW encourages you to prepare any on farm storage capacity you have, or any other measures appropriate to your property. We have included a map of the area, also included with letter is an information pamphlet.

For more information, or to discuss your water needs, we encourage you to phone our Customer Call Centre on 1800 013 357.

Yours sincerely



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